

Special Meeting
May 20, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Sidney City Council was called to order by Mayor Rick Norby at 6:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all.
3. **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** Sergeant, Gilbert, Koffler, Gartner, Smith, and Christensen
4. **Corrected Ordinance 561 (re-read of 1st reading):** Mayor Norby opened the floor to public comment on Ordinance 561, which no longer prohibits the sale of alcohol from 8am to 12pm (noon) on Sundays within the city limits. Les Anderson spoke as an opponent to the changes to the city code. City Attorney Navratil apologized for the oversight, but that the original Ordinance 561 that was passed for first reading at the Monday May 4th, 2015 meeting confused the issue, and that the revised version that he is reading to passed for the first reading tonight better accomplishes what the council requested. City Attorney Navratil read the revised Ordinance 561 aloud. Motion was made to pass the first reading of the new Ordinance 561 by Alderwoman Christensen, and seconded by Alderman Gartner. Alderwoman Christensen stated that she discussed this topic with her husband, Fire Chief Larry Christensen, who stated that in the 14 years he has been a fireman there has only been one Sunday accident that he has responded to, and that was someone on their way to church. She also stated that she has been contacted by many constituents in her ward who are in favor and wanting the change to the city code. Alderwoman Gilbert stated that she is basing her decisions off the principles laid out in the Constitution, specifically the 16th principle that explains the founding fathers development of the Constitution and the separation between God and Government. Voting went as follows:

Ayes: Sergeant, Gilbert, Koffler, Gartner, Christensen

Nays: Smith

Absent: None

The revised Ordinance 561 passed its first reading 5-1.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR NORBY

July 6th, 2015
DATE SIGNED